

SENATE BILL 975

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By: **Senator Dyson**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Erosion in Areas of Puritan Tiger Beetle Habitat**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Erosion in Areas of Puritan
4 Tiger Beetle Habitat; providing for the membership and duties of the Task
5 Force; ~~requiring the Task Force to designate a chair from among its members~~
6 designating a chair of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task
7 Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
8 compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive
9 reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to report its
10 findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the
11 General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;
12 and generally relating to the establishment of the Task Force to Study Erosion
13 in Areas of Puritan Tiger Beetle Habitat.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Erosion in Areas of Puritan Tiger Beetle
17 Habitat.

18 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

19 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
20 of the Senate;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
2 the House;

3 (3) the Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

4 (4) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

5 (5) ~~the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's~~
6 ~~designee;~~

7 ~~(6)~~ a representative of the Calvert County Board of County
8 Commissioners, appointed by the President of the Board; ~~and~~

9 (6) a citizen from Calvert County, appointed by the Calvert County
10 Board of County Commissioners;

11 (7) a citizen from Cecil County, appointed by the Cecil County Board
12 of County Commissioners;

13 (8) a citizen from Kent County, appointed by the Kent County Board
14 of County Commissioners; and

15 ~~(7)~~ (9) a representative of the Property Owners Association of the
16 Chesapeake Ranch Estates, Inc., appointed by the President of the Association.

17 (c) ~~The Task Force shall designate the chair of the Task Force from among~~
18 ~~its members~~ Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee, shall serve as
19 chair of the Task Force.

20 (d) ~~The Department of Legislative Services and the~~ Department of Natural
21 Resources ~~jointly~~ shall provide staff for the Task Force.

22 (e) A member of the Task Force:

23 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

24 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
25 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

26 (f) The Task Force shall:

27 (1) examine issues related to and problems arising out of the erosion of
28 land in the State in areas that are Puritan tiger beetle habitat;

29 (2) determine the shore erosion protective works that are available
30 and would be the most effective to prevent erosion in these areas;

1 (3) examine any ecological, legal, or practical barriers to the
2 construction of any effective shore erosion protection works in these areas;

3 (4) examine the permitting processes for the construction of shore
4 erosion protective works and identify the appropriate federal, State, and local agencies
5 that are involved in the permitting process;

6 (5) solicit and hear testimony from the appropriate federal, State, and
7 local permitting agencies on the legal standards and processes involved in the
8 construction of shore erosion protective works in these areas;

9 (6) examine the habitat requirements and ecology of the Puritan tiger
10 beetle, especially with respect to:

11 (i) the susceptibility of the Puritan tiger beetle to impacts
12 caused by the construction of shore erosion protective works;

13 (ii) the suitability of different areas as habitat for the Puritan
14 tiger beetle; and

15 (iii) the ability of the Puritan tiger beetle to relocate to other
16 suitable habitat areas; and

17 (7) make findings and recommendations on the most feasible and
18 effective methods to prevent erosion in these areas, while ensuring conservation of the
19 endangered Puritan tiger beetle.

20 (g) On or before December 31, 2010, the Task Force shall report its findings
21 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
22 Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
23 Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 June 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of
26 December 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
27 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.